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**Subject:** Transmittal of the Davis Liquid ICI Pilot Report and Memorandum on Use of Special Accounts to Facilitate Settlements  
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Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of Region 1, the Office of Site Remediation Enforcement (OSRE), the Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI), and the Superfund Lead Region (Region 2), we'd like to share with you the final report for the Davis Liquid Waste Superfund Site project management pilot. This report completes the first of nine pilot studies intended to explore new approaches or test best practices for managing Superfund remedial projects under the Agency's Integrated Cleanup Initiative.

The purpose of this pilot was to evaluate whether offering special account funds intended for future work at a site to PRPs could expedite RD/RA settlement negotiations and/or be a catalyst for an otherwise unlikely settlement. Overall, we consider the outcome at Davis Liquid under this enforcement pilot to be a success, with benefits to all parties involved. Settlement was achieved in less than half the average time frame for RD/RA negotiations in Region 1. As a result of our achieving settlement in a little over seven months, the public will benefit from a cleanup that is completed a year earlier than previously expected; EPA will save money that can now be directed to other site work; and EPA and the PRPs will save resources through reduced transaction costs.

With these results in mind, and in addition to the attached report, OSRE and OSRTI have issued the attached memorandum encouraging you to review your special accounts in conjunction with anticipated settlement negotiations to identify additional opportunities to leverage settlements for cleanup work and speed the remediation of sites.

The full pilot report will be posted shortly under Action #17 on the OSWER ICI web page at <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/integratedcleanupactions.htm>.

The memorandum can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/cleanup/superfund/specacct-prpsettle.pdf>.

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Thank you.

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